



From March 20-22, Dillard University will host *Crime and Punishment: African-Americans in a "Post-Racial" (?) United States*, a symposium designed to explore problems of crime and incarceration in the U.S. today, their outsized impact on the black community, and the dubious concept of our society as "post-racial." Criminal justice in New Orleans will also be addressed throughout three days of seminars and panel discussions.

Public officials, students, community organizers, current and former inmates, crime victims, criminologists and other scholars have been invited to take part in this dialogue, which aims to define problems of crime and incarceration; explore their root causes; illuminate their societal context; examine attempts at education and crime prevention; and offer suggestions to help justice and rehabilitation prevail for the common good.

Dr. James Turner (pictured), founding director of the Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University, will deliver the symposium's opening lecture, "From Mass Enslavement to Mass Segregation to Mass Incarceration." Dr. Michael Tillotson of the University of Pittsburgh will give a lecture entitled "A Post-Racial United States Society: Fact or Fantasy?" Dillard University's Dr. Alan Colón, professor of African world studies, and Dr. Carroll Wiltz, professor of sociology, will convene the symposium.

All events will be held in the Georges Auditorium of the PSB on Dillard's campus. The symposium is free and open to the public.

### **Crime and Punishment: African-Americans in a Post-Racial (?) United States Schedule of Events**

Tuesday, March 20

I. The St. Clair Drake Lecture: "From Mass Enslavement to Mass Segregation to Mass Incarceration." 3 p.m.

II. Lecture: "A Post-Racial United States Society: Fact or Fantasy?" 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21

III. Roundtable Discussion: "Crime and Punishment in African-American Communities."  
3 p.m.

IV. Panel Discussion: "The Incarceration Experience: Inmates from Angola State Prison."  
7 p.m.

Thursday, March 22

V. Students' Panel Discussion: "Mass Incarceration and Colorblindness." 10 a.m.

VI. Roundtable Discussion: "The Struggle Continues: Where Do We Go From Here?" 7 p.m.